GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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PARCEL DELIVERY SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Postal Department has imposed limits on various parcels with regard to size and weight;

(b) whether the Postal Department has not changed its old rules and policies with regard to parcels and heavier mail;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to modernise the Parcel Delivery System of the Postal Department ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. Following limits of size and weight have been prescribed:-

Unregistered Parcel - It shall not exceed 4 Kgms.

Registered Parcel:

(1) It shall not exceed 10 Kgms., if it is posted at or addressed to a Branch Post Office and 20 Kgms. in all other cases.

(2) The length of a parcel shall not exceed one metre and the length and girth combined shall not exceed 1.80 metre.

(3) The minimum dimension of a parcel shall be as follows:

(i) In roll form - single dimension - 10 cms
Sum of length and twice diameter - 17 cms

(ii) In other than roll form - 10 x 7 centimetres.

No parcel shall be such that, by reason of the shape, manner of packing or any other feature, it cannot be carried by post without serious inconvenience or risk.

Express Parcel Post

The express parcel post shall not exceed 1.50 metres of any one dimension and three metres for length and girth together. The weight of the parcel should be between 2 Kgms. To 35 Kgms.

(b) & (c): As a business proposition to the growing goods industry Department has changed the Rules to introduce Express Parcel Post for parcels weighing from 2 Kgms to 35 Kgms conforming to size of 1.50 metre for any one dimension and 3 metres for length and girth together.

(d) Special transport and delivery arrangement are prescribed for delivery of Express Parcels.